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Amend the Law relating to Marriages in Ireland in certain cases. A.D. 1873.

WHEREAS doubts have been entertained whether the provisions of the Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-seven, relating to the registration of places of public worship in Ireland, and the solemnisation of marriages therein, extend to the body or people known as the Catholic and Apostolic Church, herein-after referred to as the said church: 26 Vict. c. 27.

And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts, and to make provision for the solemnisation of marriages between members of the said church in manner following:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. All the provisions of the said Act relating to the registration of places of public worship shall be deemed to extend and apply to places of public worship used by the said church; and all the provisions of the said Act, and of the Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighty-one, and of the Acts amending and extending the said Acts or either of them, relating to marriages between persons one or both of whom shall belong to any church, denomination, or body of Protestant Christians, so far as the same are now in force and applicable, shall be deemed to extend and shall extend and apply to marriages between persons one or both of whom shall belong to the said church.

Provisions of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 27, to extend to members of Catholic and Apostolic Church.

2. Special license to marry at any time at any convenient place in Ireland may be granted to parties about to contract marriage by the minister of the said church for the time being officiating as chief minister of the congregation of members of the said church at [Bill 68.]

Special license.

A.D. 1873. — present worshipping in the Catholic and Apostolic Church, Adelaide Road, in the city of Dublin; provided always, that the parties to whom any such special license be granted be both members of the said church; and all marriages legally solemnized under the authority of any such special license shall be deemed to be and shall be valid 5 and effectual to all intents and purposes.

Provisions of 34 & 35 Viet. c. 49, ss. 22 & 23, to extend to marriages by special license under this Act. Certain marriages declared void.

3. The provisions of the twenty-second and twenty-third sections of the Matrimonial Causes and Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1871, shall apply in all cases of marriages which may be legally solemnized under the authority of any such special license. 10

4. Any marriage heretofore solemnized between members of the said church which would have been legal and valid had the parties to such marriage been Protestant Episcopalians within the meaning of the Matrimonial Causes and Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870, shall be and be deemed valid to all intents and purposes, 15 notwithstanding that such parties were not Protestant Episcopalians at the time of such marriage.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1873; and the said Act of the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-seven, and this Act, may be cited together for all purposes as the Marriage Law (Ireland) Amendment Acts, 1863 and 1873. 20

Construction of Act.

6. This Act and the said Act of the twenty-sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-seven, so far as the same is not inconsistent with this Act, shall be construed together 25 as one Act.

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